refrigerators and dryers; 30% for electric ranges; 40% for dishwashers; and 50% for microwave ovens.

December was the best month in history for microwave ovens (771,600 units) and the best December ever for disposers (263,700 units). Monthly increases ranged from 11.1% to 138.7% for all but one product category.

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MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
December, 1983

	December 1983	December 1982	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1983	1982	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1983	1982	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,535.2	1,891.3*	+34.0%	32,386.2	26,683.0*	+21.4%	8,331.6	6,354.7*	+31.1%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	98.6	84.5	+16.7	2,001.5	2,760.6	-27.5	182.6	188.7	- 3.2
DEHUMIDIFIERS	7.4	3.1*	+138.7	437.1	439.8*	- 0.6	11.4	10.4*	+ 9.6
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	244.6	177.9	+37.5	3,093.0	2,169.7	+42.6	857.5	602.3	+42.4
Built-In	217.0	159.4	+36.1	2,830.6	1,955.6	+44.7	780.1	536.8	+45.3
Portable	27.6	18.5	+49.2	262.5	214.1	+22.6	77.4	65.5	+18.2
DISPOSERS	263.7	236.9*	+11.3	3,526.9	2,779.9*	+26.9	948.3	827.1*	+14.7
COMPACTORS	16.0	13.2*	+21.2	156.7	148.1*	+ 5.8	44.1	40.8*	+ 8.1
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	398.2	335.5	+18.7	6,603.5	5,704.0	+15.8	1,460.0	1,206.1	+21.1
Refrigerators	321.2	262.2	+22.5	5,316.1	4,363.5	+21.8	1,225.9	973.5	+25.9
Freezers - Total	77.0	73.3	+ 5.0	1,287.5	1,340.4	- 3.9	234.1	232.7	+ 0.6
Upright	38.8	36.5	+ 6.3	607.4	614.5	- 1.2	122.3	112.2	+ 9.0
Chest	38.2	36.7	+ 4.1	680.1	726.0	- 6.3	111.9	120.5	- 7.1
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	211.4	174.9*	+20.9	2,752.2	2,035.7*	+35.2	730.5	572.3*	+27.6
Free Standing	167.1	139.5	+19.8	2,189.4	1,619.1	+35.2	579.3	458.0	+26.5
Built-In	44.3	35.5*	+24.8	562.8	416.6*	+35.1	151.2	114.2*	+32.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	771.6	434.4	+77.6	6,114.3	4,070.8	+50.2	2,190.4	1,328.8	+64.8
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	541.8	444.6	+21.9	7,909.5	6,746.7	+17.2	1,966.7	1,622.6	+21.2
Washers - Total	292.3	252.0	+16.0	4,615.6	4,019.2	+14.8	1,081.2	917.6	+17.8
Automatic	287.3	247.5	+16.1	4,546.4	3,955.4	+14.9	1,066.1	902.6	+18.1
Wringer & Other	5.0	4.5	+11.1	69.3	63.8	+ 8.6	15.1	15.1	--
Dryers - Total	249.6	192.6	+29.6	3,293.9	2,727.5	+20.8	885.5	705.0	+25.6
Electric	200.1	151.9	+31.7	2,622.0	2,143.3	+22.3	700.5	553.8	+26.5
Gas	49.5	40.6	+21.9	671.9	584.2	+15.0	185.0	151.2	+22.4

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave oven/ranges

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS
THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(DOMESTIC + EXPORT)

	1984*	1985*
Room Air Conditioners	2,605	2,775
Dehumidifiers	450	480
Dishwashers	3,193	3,299
Built-In	2,948	3,059
Portable	245	240
Disposers	3,670	3,764
Compactors	172	185
Refrigerators	5,598	5,868
Freezers	1,350	1,424
Upright	614	658
Chest	736	766
Electric Ranges	3,011	3,141
Free-Standing	2,405	2,513
Built-In	606	628
Microwave Oven/Ranges***	5,733	6,019
Washers	4,830	4,959
Automatic	4,772	4,903
Wringer & Other	58	56
Dryers	3,348	3,397
Electric	2,650	2,693
Gas	698	704
TOTAL SHIPMENTS	33,749	35,092

* Forecasts as of November, 1983
** Figures may not add due to rounding and overlapping product categories
*** Includes U. S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave oven/ranges